

bill that became law in 1984. Passage paved the way for the broad distribution of donated computers to our kids' schools.

Critics questioned whether the donated computers would ever make it out of the boxes they came in because not every teacher was technologically minded. Others called the federal tax credit a waste of money. How wrong they were.

Steve Jobs made technology accessible the world over by putting computers into our classrooms, our homes, and our pockets. In honoring his life, we must remember naysayers' initial doubts about whether computer technology was worth federal investment. As we consider our federal deficit and ways to shrink it, we must not become so rigid as to fail to support innovation. Had we not taken that risk decades ago, our educational system, our communities and our world would be a drastically different place.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE TIMOTHY EVANS, OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and labor of Mr. George Timothy Evans who made his heavenly transition on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at the age of 92. For 27 years, Mr. Evans served admirably as a Court Bailiff for the Illinois Appellate Court and the Illinois Supreme Court. A native of Arkansas, Mr. Evans attended Langston High School in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he played football with former Illinois Appellate Court Justice Glenn T. Johnson, the second African-American to serve on the Illinois Appellate Court, sparking a close friendship that would be rekindled when they both ultimately moved to Chicago.

Mr. Evans met his wife of more than 60 years, Tiny Marie Evans, who preceded him in death, at the Bethel AME Church in Malvern, Arkansas and was united in holy matrimony on June 2, 1942. To this union was born a son, Timothy C. Evans, the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and the first African-American to hold this office and a daughter, Sandra Marie (Evans) Johnson. They relocated to Chicago in 1957, at a time when Arkansas was the epicenter of bitter school integration battles, to seek better opportunities in the North.

Mr. Evans served faithfully as a member of the Greater Institutional AME Church on the south side of Chicago. He was an outstanding and devoted servant of God, who dedicated his life towards making a difference in the lives of all people. Mr. Evans was a shining example of how God can use us to help make this world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I am appreciative of the life and legacy of Mr. George T. Evans and I want to encourage his family, his sons Chief Judge Timothy Evans and George Evans, daughter Sandra Johnson, sister-in-law Hazel Bailey, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and his many friends to always remember to look to the hills from which comes all of their help. I am honored to pay tribute to this dedicated public servant and am privileged to enter

these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States House of Representatives.

### HONORING DR. WILTON CORKERN

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Wilton Corkern, a good friend, environmental steward, and community leader who, at the end of last month, retired after serving for 21 years as President and CEO of the Accokeek Foundation. This weekend Wilt will be honored by his family, friends, and colleagues at the Foundation's annual Leadership Salute with its National Conservation Leadership Award.

The Accokeek Foundation, headquartered in my district, is devoted to the interaction between people and the landscape over time. The Foundation stewards 200 acres of the National Park Service's Piscataway Park, along the Potomac River in Prince George's and Charles Counties. The park was established to preserve the viewshed from George Washington's historic Mount Vernon estate.

The Foundation's programs include the National Colonial Farm, a living history museum that preserves heirloom plants, heritage breeds of livestock, and historic buildings of the Chesapeake Tidewater; the Ecosystem Farm, a demonstration of sustainable agriculture; and a number of training programs in organic farming, museum theatre, and related fields. The success and continued growth of these programs are a testament to Wilt's dedication and that of his talented staff and volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, Wilt's accomplishments at the Accokeek Foundation are many and lasting. Through the years, Wilt:

Established the modern organic Ecosystem Farm, with its innovative new farmer training program, and established what is now the Center for Agricultural and Environmental Stewardship as "a national model for research, scholarship, education, and public information about sustainability in general and sustainable agriculture in particular."

Helped to organize and launch the Friends of the Potomac and to secure designation of the Potomac as one of the first "American Heritage Rivers."

Relocated and reconstructed the Laurel Branch farmhouse, constructed the colonial outkitchen, and replaced the Saylor Grove fishing pier.

Constructed a "green" Education Center and demonstration stewardship areas.

Installed "The View from Here: Preservation, Development, and Community in Accokeek, Maryland" interpretive signage for the Foundation's fiftieth anniversary.

Secured Standards of Excellence certification from the Maryland Association of Non-profits.

Reenergized the Foundation's land conservation initiative to focus on the Mount Vernon viewshed, preservation of working landscapes, and stewardship of easements.

Launched the Foundation's Piscataway Cultural Landscape Initiative, an effort to transform the concept of "indigenous cultural land-

scape" into a concrete interpretive experience for the public.

Wilt has made a real and enduring impact on our community—helping us improve our appreciation of the environment, recognize our role in preserving it, and understanding and experiencing our shared heritage as Americans. On a personal note, I have greatly appreciated his friendship and counsel over the years. I wish him the best in his retirement and ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on a job well done.

### COMMENDING MSGT. TODD EIPPERLE

### HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Todd Eipperle of Marshalltown, IA. On September 20, 2011, MSgt. Eipperle received the Bronze Star from the Army for his actions in July 2011 which are credited with saving the lives of members of his team following an attack from a rogue security officer from the Afghan National Directorate of Security. A proud member of the Iowa National Guard, MSgt. Eipperle was previously awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received during the attack. MSgt. Eipperle exemplifies the best of our Iowa Guardsmen and the good work they did during their recent deployment to Afghanistan.

In July of this year, only a week before he was scheduled to return home with the 2,800 other Iowa Guardsmen he'd deployed with, MSgt. Eipperle was wounded in the process of engaging a rogue Afghan security officer who had shot and killed two of his comrades, fellow Guardsman Sgt. 1st Class Terryl Pasker of Cedar Rapids, IA and retired Connecticut State Trooper Paul Protzenko of Enfield, CT. Passing through a checkpoint in Panjshir province, the rogue Afghan officer unexpectedly fired at the Iowa Guardsmen. MSgt. Eipperle's quick action in engaging the attacker, despite gunshot wounds to his own hip and shoulder, is credited with saving a number of his colleagues and his own life.

MSgt. Eipperle is home once again, having received the Bronze Star in Marshalltown before members of his community, and being honored with a parade and town proclamation in his honor on September 20. While he's left the war, MSgt. Eipperle is still on active duty, recovering from the wounds he sustained in July. I commend MSgt. Eipperle on his heroism, for a job well done on deployment, and wish him well on his recovery.

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS. FRANCES REEVES JOLLIVETTE CHAMBERS AND RECOGNIZING HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO MIAMI'S AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mrs. Frances